

UNIVER-CITY LADAKH

LADAKH WISDOM FORUM 2014

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1. **Mr. Otsal Wangdus UNIVER-CITY LADAKH & DIRECTOR OF SEBoL:-**

- Invited the guests.
- Briefed the audience that Ladakh Wisdom Forum is organizing this event for the second time in Ladakh.
- Last year IN 2013, We laid the foundation stone of Ladakh Wisdom Forum which involved scholars, thinkers, educationist, journalists, citizens, entrepreneurs, poets e.t.c on the theme **“SPROUTING SEEDS OF WISDOM”**.
- This year we have sustained the conference to reach the NEXT Gen Ladakh e.g Youth and Students on the topic **“ Nourishing the seeds of Wisdom Locally and Globally”**.
- What is sustainability? Why we need a sustainable community? And what are causes for lack of sustainability.

2. **Mr. Tashi Morup..... Project Director of LAMO(Ladakh Art and Media Organization):-**

- Today Ladakh sown the **“SEEDS OF WISDOM”** through our friends who have come from a long way **“JAPAN”**.

- As clearly reflected from the teaching of Buddha....Our mind is an embodiment of light/wisdom and all sentient beings possess an inherent wisdom.
- Ladakh is a hub of multi-fold wisdom. Now we must put our wisdom in one's profession, carrier or line of work/occupation we take in our life.
- Ladakhi students are fortunate to learn, debate, discuss, analyse and compare each other's ideas through such seminars/symposium organized in past and now days too.
- To hear & analyse, then contemplate & understand and then at last to put in right action is the crux of wisdom.
- Everyone on this planet is gifted with the SEEDS OF WISDOM.
- Wisdom putting in action is vividly seen today from one of our Japanese Guest. A pasted coil on a paper to cook food is no doubt a tiny idea but when it comes into practice it's so huge, powerful, and sustainable. As such every individual can have or generate those ideas & wisdom to put into practice and not just simply copy or replicating others. So what we need is to cultivate one's wisdom.
- So now what is Sustainability?
 - a) It means to protect & care our natural resources for e.g to lead our life on this planet; We are depend on some essential needs or natural resources. So not to destroy this natural resources or extinct it or endanger eco-system is what we call

sustainability?...the natural resources/ treasures should survive and pass from one generation to next generation which has continued till this date since 1000 years.

b) However now the way we are exploiting the nature in present time can best be explained through a moral story. For e.g There was a man with a hen which used to give one golden egg every day but the same man due to his greedy nature killed the hen in order to get the unlimited golden egg and when he killed the hen he found nothing inside the stomach of the hen.

- So wisdom is the education passed by our old generation.....viz How we talk, or spend our life as a cultured person.
- So now coming on modernity when mean something like present time:
 - a) To buy consumer goods from market like biscuits, maggi, clothes, T.V, radio e.t.c which were completely absent during our traditional moment.
 - b) And when we look back towards our traditional time. We find the clothes made at our own home e.g Nam-bu, food made from our own natural resources viz..Pa-Ba, Transportation on our domestic animal like horse, ass e.t.c
 - c) Since our traditional time to now, We have been cultivating our farms, water it, using organic products, learning the change of seasons e.t.c
 - d) So in past we had no wastes....means ZERO WASTES in Ladakh. However now we find wastes everywhere.

Moreover non-biodegradable products had no place in Ladakh.

- e) Traditionally the water we used to face-wash was thrown on a heap of soil and latter the same was thrown in cow-shed for some time to use as manures.... A practical symbol of ZERO-WASTE.
- f) But now the sense of competitiveness has come to Ladakh leading in wastes wherever we go.

3. KAGA SKARMA LEY

UNIVER-CITY LADAKH & DIRECTOR OF JULLEY

LADAKH:

- There are two opinion/thoughts to a foreigner about Ladakh.
- One view is that Ladakh is a self-sustained economy; with harmony, people helping each other, no crooks, followers of truth& spirituality and most important Ladakhis respect & protect nature.
- However the another view is that the ground reality is completely different Ladakh may be like that in past.
- Now days Ladakhis have adopted growth & development (expansion) very positively but when I look the sudden escalation of suicide cases in Ladakh since few years its shocking, similarly the environmental issues and many more. Even now days Ladakhis have strong bonding like family, relative, spiritual essence but the problem of suicide is still growing.
- Use of lots of cement in construction of houses, bridge e.t.c in Ladakh is a warning sign of prone to multi-fold diseases and harm to ecology/environment.
- With the rapid change there is a conflict between internal and external world.
- Japanese now days are working on a line of alternative life-style. Like how they spend their life more meaningfully, looking into

past and some people has seriously working on it now-a-days. The reason for this is the problem of development at a rapid pace it is taking place now days in Japan.

- The growing suicide rates, unable to develop one's mind and lack of co-ordination with-in and out-side are the side-effects of development in Japan.
- Youth and what education youth takes are the focal point now days.
- Education is a big issue among people now days. Why we take education or what we call education? for e.g I want to become a teacher or doctor or police. On one side it is fine.
- However my 15 years experience in Japan taught me that. Japanese now days think a lot not just to become a doctor or engineer but to understand life, world around us and how to live in good harmony with nature.
- In present time countries like Japan and America touched the peak of development yet they can't find happiness. Now to search happiness they wish to go in past (ancient times). But they can't go to ancient times at this moment because everything got destructed like structures, family system, agriculture, community life e.t.c
- So now most people in Japan stay alone, no communication with out-side life or has any touch/contact with the environment when they go out-side. Consequently, it is crystal clear that money can buy something but can't buy everything?
- Citing an example about a Japanese youth who visited Ladakh few years back. He said that this Japanese youth was so surprised to see every Ladakhis own a house. These houses are building by Ladakhis themselves with the use of local raw-materials, without taking loans with their own money.
- Comparing with Japan he used to think that an individual can't build a house except by a company. So he went back to Japan and builds his own house without giving the same to a company with the help of neighbours and community people.
- He took this wisdom from Ladakh.

- We Ladakhis and are sustainable and we should feel proud of that. In other parts of world people are homeless but in Ladakh we don't find people without home.
- There are lot of wisdom in Ladakh and we should think about them and implement them in our lives.
- Today global economy stands like a tornado in front of us.
- The valuable qualities of our culture is known to the world. The Tsunami waves of modernization is creeping in and everyday Ladakh which has bought many changes.
- In the midst of that we hope that Ladakh will be a place where ***"wisdom of humanity shines"***.

4. Nagasawa Katsuhiko

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- I run a company known as ANSHIN which is made of unwanted woods; on roof I cultivate field which is filled with water during summer and cool in summer and the solar panels makes it warm in winter.
- So the elder person stay happy due to cool in summer and warm in winter as a community centre.
- I constructed a house with solar panels which is opened and utilize for community.
- My house can be make use of by handicaps too because my parents are handicapped.
- I carry workshop in Japan on solar rays.
- Whether we construct our houses with cement or sand both are unsafe. Knowing that they are unsafe is safe...that is wisdom.
- We feel that earthquake is very frightening. That is not true. It gives all of us a message. How gigantic house or multi-storey we built. A more powerful (earthquake) than all of us can destroy it.
- Now the most important thing is how we live a sustained life. We spend a lot of money to construct a big house but it can even be ruined how big we build it. So small is beautiful.

- Solar cooker I bought from Japan is one of the best means to cook good food.
- So inherently we have countless wisdom.
- Every one of you go through text books everyday but now you have to go beyond books.

5. Hisami Nishida ...TOMONI

- It is not only humans but all beings live with nature.
- We are here because of earth and not vice versa. This is what I learn in 40 years of my life-span.
- It is because of human beings who have polluted the earth, water, air, ocean e.t.c and still we are polluting.
- Now the question is how we can eradicate this pollution for a clean future.
- How we can pass a better place on earth to the future, where everyone will stay with happiness.
- I have studied about earth and especially organic farming for two years. So now I can understand how the artificial manure and chemical spray destroys the fertility of soil.
- During the organic farming cultivation I learn and spend a lot of time. I learn about the fresh unpolluted air, water and environment we live in.

6. Braining storming on how to bring sustainability through:

- a) Youth**
- b) Women**
- c) Spirituality**
- d) Economy**
- e) Governance**
- f) Media**

7. **SCHOOL ACTION PLAN:**

- Request the school authorities to stop the wastage and leakage of water in water tanks.
- To work for waste water of canteen to go for trees.
- Awareness on water conservation through talks on morning assembly, skits, going to classes and aware the students e.t.c
- Plantation in school compounds.
- Use of ancient toilets to prevent the wastage of water done by modern toilets.
- Cleanness drive in school compounds and neighbourhood.
- Optimum use of water through slogans like
- ***“Precious water”***
- ***To stop care of water, it will stop care of us”.***